

State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Sierra District Headquarters  
P.O. Box 266  
Tahoma, CA. 96142

**PROJECT TITLE:** Invasive Plant Removal

**LOCATION:** Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park

**COUNTY:** Nevada

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Remove invasive plants at Malakoff Diggins State Park Historic Park to recover and strengthen the areas native plant communities. At Humbug Creek, Lake City, Backbone, Derbec Meadow and the North Bloomfield Townsite work will:

- Use mowers, weed whackers, and hand tools to cut down invasive plants at ground level.
- Hand-pull annual weeds.
- Remove Scotch Broom (*Cytisus scoparius*) using a weed-wrench.
- Remove Vinca (*Vinca major* or "Periwinkle") by hand using spaded forks.

Target species for removal include Barb Goatgrass (*Aegilops triuncialis*), Yellow Star Thistle, Distaff Thistle (*Carthamus lanatus*), Italian Thistle (*Carduus pycnocephalus*), Himalayan Blackberry, Cut-leaf Blackberry (*Rubus laciniatus*), English Ivy (*Hedera helix*), Medusahead Grass (*Taeniatherum caput-medusae*), Bulbous Bluegrass (*Poa bulbosa*), Cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*) Scotch Broom, Winter Vetch (*Vicia villosa*), and Vinca (*Vinca major* or "Periwinkle").

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Sierra District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

☒ Categorical Exemption      Class: 4      Section: 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of minor public alterations in the condition of vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is listed as "Resource Management Projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCRS 15300.4.

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